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SUBJECT: UNHCR FUNDING FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

1. THE DECEMBER 22 BANGKOK POST CARRIED A PAGE 1 ARTICLE HEADLINED "REFUGEE FUNDS SLASHED". THE ARTICLE SAID THAT LT COL KAMON PRACHUABMOH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS CENTER, HAD STATED THAT THE UNHCR'S FINANCIAL AID FOR REFUGEES IN THAILAND WOULD BE REDUCED FROM A PREVIOUS ANNUAL FIGURE OF ABOUT 240 MILLION BAHT (\$12 MILLION) IN 1977 TO 140 MILLION BAHT (\$7 MILLION) IN 1978.

2. A CONVERSATION DECEMBER 22 WITH LESLIE A GOODYEAR, THE LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, REVEALED THAT THERE WAS BOTH TRUTH AND FICTION IN THE ARTICLE. BASED ON A MISTAKEN FORECAST THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THAILAND WOULD BE DOWN BY THE END OF 1977, THE UNHCR HAD SEVERAL MONTHS PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED ITS PROGRAM FOR THAILAND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978 AT \$7,750,000. WHILE THIS FIGURE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE INSUFFICIENT, GOODYEAR IS CONFIDENT THAT THE UNHCR AND DONOR COUNTRIES WILL

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NOT LET REFUGEES STARVE IN THAILAND. ADDITIONALLY, HE COMMENTED THAT FOR 1977 THE UNHCR HAD APPEALED FOR \$12 MILLION FOR THAILAND, RECEIVED PLEDGES OF \$10 1/2 MILLION, AND SPENT ONLY \$9 MILLION. THERE IS THUS \$1.5 MILLION TO CARRY OVER INTO 1978, AND NO ANTICIPATED SHORTAGE OF FUNDS AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR.

3. GOODYEAR HAS PRUDENTLY DECIDED NOT TO PUBLICLY
CONTEST COL KAMON'S STATEMENT BY WRITING LETTERS TO THE
PAPERS, SINCE HE ANTICIPATES NO EMERGENCIES AND SEE
NO NEED TO MAKE A FUSS.
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